



ATTACHMENT A

United States Department of Agriculture  
Rural Development

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Mr. Dennis Sanford  
Superintendent  
Coosa County Board of Education  
2001 Nixburg Road, P. O. Box 37  
Rockford, AL 35136

Dear Mr. Sanford:

I am pleased to congratulate you on your organization's selection for a \$409,462 grant under the *Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program* administered by the Rural Utilities Service. Your proposal was among 205 eligible applications that competed in Fiscal Year 2010.

In the near future, you will receive legal documents for your execution. This will formalize the agreement and enable you to request funds. If you wish to view the grant document, you will find a blank copy on our website:

[www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm](http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm)

We look forward to working with you to bring the benefits of advanced telecommunications to rural America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Adelstein", written over a large, dark, circular stamp or seal.

Jonathan Adelstein  
Administrator  
Rural Utilities Service

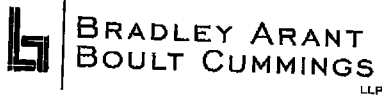
cc: Mr. Ronald Davis  
State Director

DLT Application Number: 2010-00

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June 9, 2011

Administrator  
Rural Utilities Service  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250-1500

Re: Coosa County Board of Education  
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

Dear Sir:

I am counsel to the Coosa County Board of Education ("Grantee") and render this opinion to you in connection with the grant in the amount of \$409,462 provided for in the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Agreement, dated March 1, ("Agreement") between the Grantee and the United States of America, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("Grantor").

I have examined the Agreement and such other records, proceedings, and documents as I deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed.

I am of the opinion that:

- (a) the Grantee has the authority to: (i) execute and deliver the Agreement and (ii) perform all acts required to be done by it under the Agreement.
- (b) the Agreement has been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Grantee to the Grantor and constitutes the legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Grantee, enforceable in accordance with its respective terms except as such enforcement may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws in effect at the time affecting creditors' rights generally and (ii) applicable laws and equitable principles with respect to or affecting the availability or remedies provided for herein.
- (c) the execution, delivery, and performance by the Grantee of the Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, do not conflict with or violate any provision of law or regulation, articles of incorporation, charter, or bylaws of the Grantee or result in a default of, or breach of, or constitute a default under, any agreement, indenture, deed of trust, mortgage, note, or other instrument to which the Grantee is a party, or to which it may be bound.
- (d) all authorizations from any regulatory body or governmental authority required in connection with the execution, delivery, and performance of the Agreement have been obtained.

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Dear Mr. Sanford:


We are pleased to advise you that grant funds in the amount of \$409,462 from the Rural Utilities Service's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program have been released.

Funds may now be requested for advance by completing the enclosed Standard Form 270, "Request for Advance or Reimbursement." Each Form 270 must be supported by paid or unpaid invoices covering the amount of disbursement requested. In accordance with 7 CFR 1703.106, matching funds may be disbursed in advance of grant funds, or if the awardee agrees, on a pro rata basis with grant funds. Therefore, when requesting funds, please provide RUS with the following: (1) Form 270; (2) invoices paid or unpaid with a detailed description for eligible purposes for both grant and matching funds; and (3) a breakdown of the disbursement amount which applies to grant funds and the amount which applies to matching funds. If disbursement on a pro rata basis is desired, both grant funds and matching funds must be disbursed simultaneously. As an example, if you request 30 percent of the grant funds, you will also have to provide 30 percent of the matching funds. The matching funds cannot be contributed at the end of the project.

In accordance with Article III, Section 3.1 (b) Expiration Date of the Grant Agreement (Agreement), the obligation of RUS to advance the Grant or any portion thereof, shall expire on March 1, 2014, three (3) years from the date of the Agreement. Please note Section 3.1 (b) of the Agreement which discusses the expiration date of the grant. Unlike in the past years, the Agreement does not offer the opportunity for requesting an extension of the expiration date.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Ruhul Choudhury, Acting Chief, Southern Division Engineering Branch, at (202) 720-0806.

Sincerely,

  
SHAWN B. ARNER, Director  
Southern Division  
Telecommunications Program  
Rural Utilities Service

Enclosure

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